

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE met on Monday, August 19, 2002, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 8:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Council Member District No. 5, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; District No. 8, vacant as of August 1, 2002; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina and the Berkeley County Library, and mailed to the newspaper, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Vaughn asked the Committee's pleasure on the approval of minutes from the Committee on Finance meeting held on July 22, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Spooner to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ms. Elaine Morgan, CEO Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, Re: Presentation.

Supervisor Rozier explained to the Committee there would not be a presentation on the Sale of Alcohol on Sundays due to the fact there were not enough signatures obtained to place a referendum on the ballots in November. Daniel Island does have a temporary permit for the Family Circle Tennis Tournament this year.

Councilmember Crosby requested a presentation on the use of Accommodation Tax Money.

B. Ms. Janet Brown Jurosko, Berkeley County Auditor, Re: Personnel Matters.

Ms. Jurosko addressed the Committee requesting an upgrade for the Personal Properties Appraiser in the Auditor's Office. The position conducts desk and physical audits. The upgrade would be from a grade 19 to a grade 22; which including benefits, will be an increase of \$3,911.76/year.

Supervisor Rozier indicated that this would have to come from contingency.

Councilmember Spooner requested the matter be held until September 16, 2002 and that it be taken as information.

Chairman Vaughn asked how long after posting would it take to fill the position?

Ms. Jurosko indicated it would take approximately six to eight weeks. Tax bills go out on October 1, 2002; therefore it may cause tax bills to go out late.

Chairman Vaughn explained that the Committee's concern is that the actual grade for this position will not be available until September 16, 2002; which means, that if it comes back less than a grade 22 it would have to be reposted as a lower grade. He asked Ms. Jurosko if she had an issue with that?

Ms. Jurosko stated she did not, and that she had researched this and has come to the Committee with a very conservative figure.

It was moved by Councilmember Mims and seconded by Councilmember Farley to approve the position be posted for Personal Property Appraiser from a grade 19 to a grade 22.

Chairman Vaughn reiterated to Ms. Jurosko that if she posts the position as a grade 22 and it comes back as a grade 20, she would have to repost the position.

Councilmember Spooner expressed her concern that if it does come back as a grade 22 and more grade 22's come to Council there may not be money in the budget to fund the upgrades.

Chairman Vaughn requested a roll call.

Councilmember Farley	"Aye"
Councilmember Spooner	"Nay"
Councilmember Crosby	"Nay"
Councilmember Davis	"Aye"
Councilmember Mims	"Aye"
Councilmember Pinckney	"Aye"

The motion passed by majority roll call vote of the Committee.

C. Ms. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court, Re: Personnel Matters.

Ms. Brown addressed the Committee requesting two upgrades: Accounting Clerk 5, grade 18 to be upgraded to an Accounting Specialist 2, grade 22. The difference in salary is \$5,011.01/year; which will come from contingency.

It was moved by Councilmember Mims and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to post the position for Accounting Clerk 5, grade 18 as an Accounting Clerk 2, grade 22. It was passed by majority voice vote of the Committee with Councilmember Spooner voting "Nay."

Ms. Brown continued with the next request, a Court Intake Clerk, grade 12 to be upgraded to a Court Intake Specialist I, grade 14. Ms. Brown indicated there is money in the personnel budget, but she does need the money for the fringe benefits totaling \$2,154.95.

Supervisor Rozier asked if there was no salary money needed?

Ms. Brown indicated it did need to be upgraded from a 12 to a 14. There is incentive money that was rolled over from last year; which is \$22,000 to cover this.

Supervisor Rozier stated it can not be done. According to the rules this year you can not save money in the budget to fund another area.

Ms. Kace Smith, Finance Director, explained that the money referred to by Ms. Brown did go into the General Fund.

Ms. Brown expressed the law was changed addressing incentive money being rolled over. She had written finance about that.

Chairman Vaughn requested that Finance research the matter before the next meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Mims and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to post the position for Court Intake Specialist, grade 12 as a Court Intake Specialist I, grade 14. The motion was passed by a majority voice vote of the Committee with Councilmember Spooner voting "Nay."

D. Review prior to Second Reading of the following:

1. Bill No. 02-35, an Ordinance establishing a larger Tall Pines Special Tax District and simultaneously abolishing the Tall Pines Special Tax District that was established in 1991.

Mr. Jerry Bailey, 1008 Plantation Pine Road, Summerville, ("The Pines" development). He had signatures from 80% of the homeowners in "The Pines" development, who oppose the new Tall Pines Special Tax District expansion. It was an understanding when the owners in "The Pines" development bought their property that they would not be a part of the Tall Pines Homeowners Association; nor the Special Tax District. If seventy-five percent (75%) of the

homeowners in the Tall Pines Homeowners Associations sign a petition to include "The Pines", it will then in turn annex them into the Special Tax District.

Chairman Vaughn asked the County Attorney if the homeowners have to ask to be brought into the association?

Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney explained that under the law it could be done two ways: 1) by referendum after fifteen percent (15%) of the residence in the proposed geographical location sign up for it; 2) or seventy-five (75%) of the residence in the area (old plus the new), and it represents seventy-five percent (75%) of the assessed value in the area, then County Council can do it without a referendum.

Chairman Vaughn asked if this could be passed to exclude the forty-five (45) lots in "The Pines" development?

Mr. Stokes reserved judgment to research the matter.

Councilmember Crosby recommended holding this item until further information can be gathered.

2. Bill No. 02-37, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Berkeley County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bond (Croptech Corporation Project) Series 2002; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bond, including (i) an indenture; and (ii) certain other matters relating thereto.

It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to send Bill No. 02-37 forward for Second Reading. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

E. Review prior to Third Reading of Bill No. 02-32, An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Berkeley County, South Carolina, and DAK Resins, LLC to provide for a fee in lieu of taxes incentive, and other matters relating thereto.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Mims to send Bill No. 02-32 forward for Third Reading. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

F. Consideration of a Resolution making application to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for approval of the issuance by Berkeley County, South Carolina of a special source revenue bond (Croptech Corporation project), pursuant to the provisions of title 4, chapter 29 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,000,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Mims to send the Resolution forward as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Councilmember Milton Farley, Chairman.

Councilmember Farley reported the Committee met on August 12.

Councilmember Farley as Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety moved to transfer \$17,905 from Contingency to the Sheriff's Department 42122, line item 6104, Sheriff's LLEBG 2002. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Councilmember William E. Crosby, Chairman.

Councilmember Crosby reported the Committee met earlier tonight.

Councilmember Crosby moved to accept the Committee's recommendation to transfer \$1,350 from contingency to the Mosquito Abatement Department to line 5510. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Spooner and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to adjourn the Committee on Finance. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

September 16, 2002
Date Approved

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A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday August 19, 2002, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing, the Committee on Land Use, and the Committee on Planning and Development at 6:00 p. m

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss matters relating to the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body; and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

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1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman
LLEBG – 10% Matching funds. (Sheriff's Dept.)
2. Committee on Public Works & Purchasing
Council Member William E. Crosby, Chairman
Funds for engine replacement. (Mosquito Abatement)

August 14, 2002
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council